

# Measuring the astrophysical S-factor in plasmas: A preliminary test

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# Electron Bulk Perturbation Induced by Radioactive Nuclei

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A strong perturbation of the conduction electrons accompanying the radioactive decay of nuclei is discussed. It is demonstrated that this effect depends strongly on recombination phenomena. A resonant behavior of the excitation process as a function of temperature is predicted.

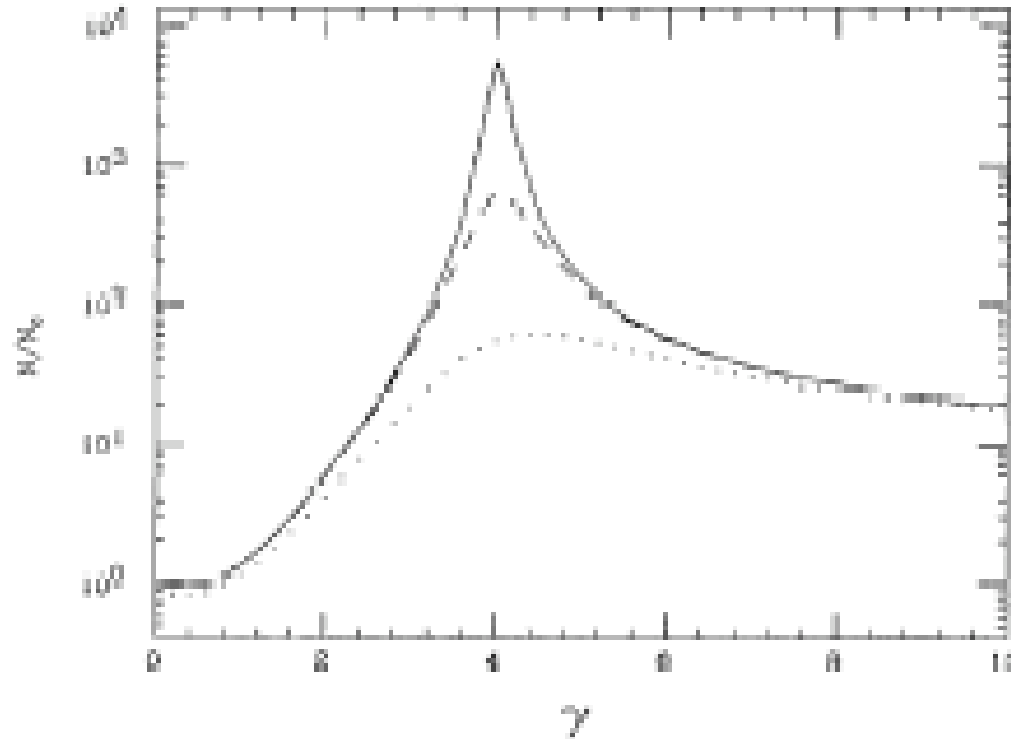


FIG. 4. Temperature ( $\gamma = D_e/v_F\tau_D$ ) dependence of the total number of excited electrons for  $e_0\tau_{rec} = 30$  (full line), 10 (dashed), and 3 (dotted).

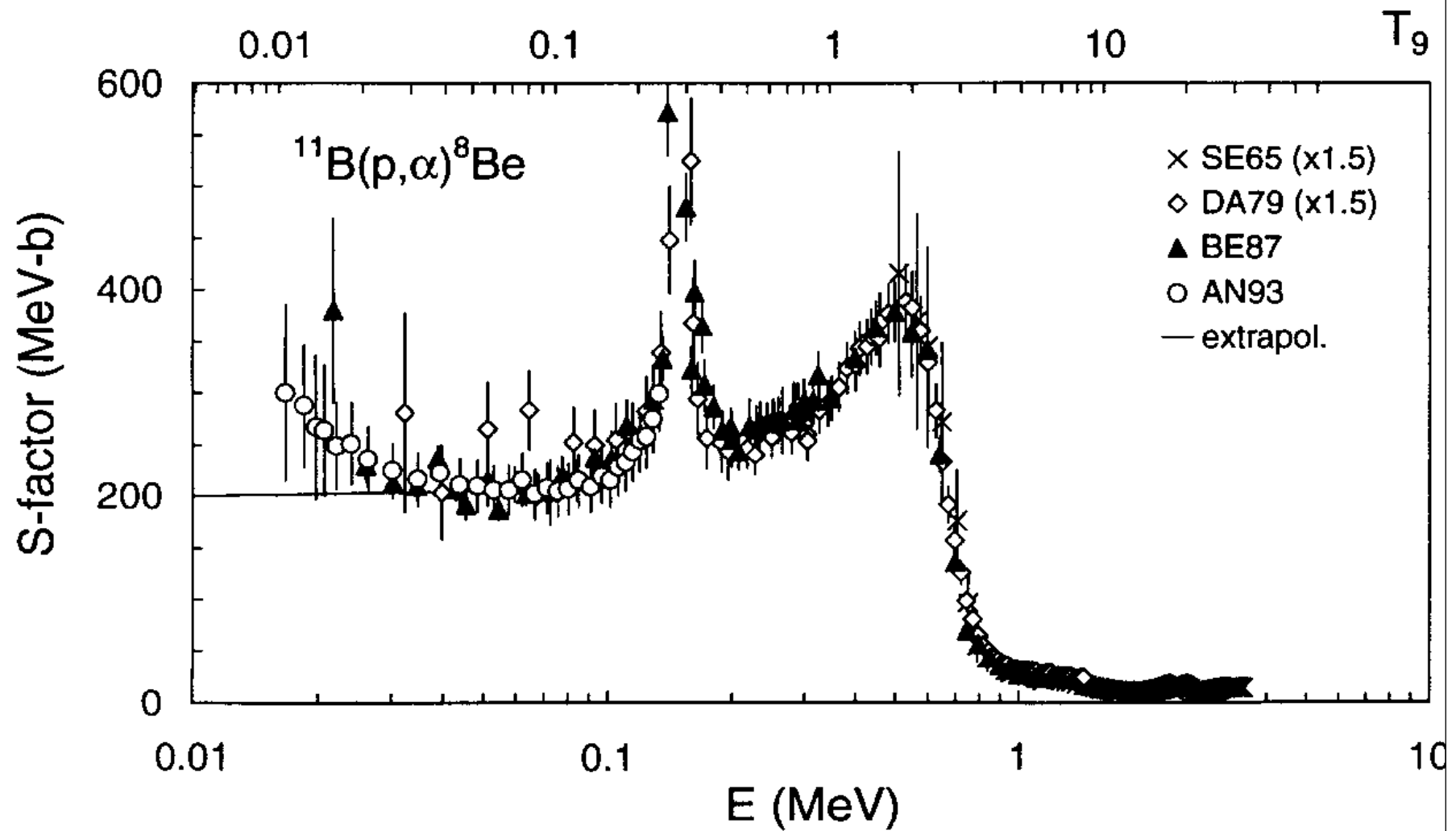
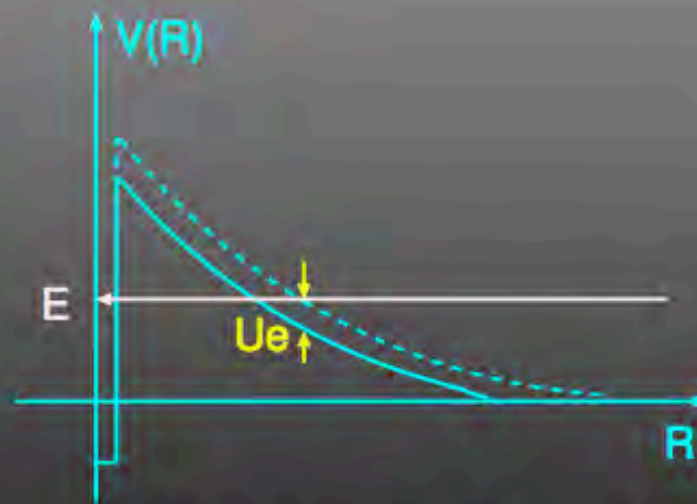


fig. I: S-factor Nacre-compilation

$S_0 = 187 \text{ MeV}$ ; potenziale screening  $U_e = 430 \text{ eV}$

## Screening Energy



$U_e$  : Screening Energy

$$f_e = \frac{\sigma(E)}{\sigma_0(E)} = \frac{\sigma_0(E + U_e)}{\sigma_0(E)}$$

$$\sim \exp\left\{\pi\eta(E)\frac{U_e}{E}\right\}$$

$$U_e \sim \frac{E}{\pi\eta(E)} \log f$$

Test for atomic ground states where masses and forces (Coulomb) are exactly known

## Constrained Molecular Dynamics (CoMD)

S.Kimura and A.Bonasera, Phys. Rev. A 72, 014703 (2005)



Lagrange multiplier method for constraints

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_i} - \sum_{i,j(\neq i)} U(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) + \sum_{i,j(\neq i)} \lambda_{ij} \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij} \mathbf{p}_{ij}}{\xi \hbar} - 1 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|; \quad \mathbf{p}_{ij} = |\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j|$$

$$\xi = 1 (\text{for Heisenberg principle})$$

Variational calculus leads Hamilton Equation with Constraint:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i} + \frac{\lambda_{ij} \mathbf{r}_{ij}}{\xi \hbar} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} U(\mathbf{r}_i) - \frac{\lambda_{ij} \mathbf{p}_{ij}}{\xi \hbar} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}$$

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Convergence of Atomic G.S.

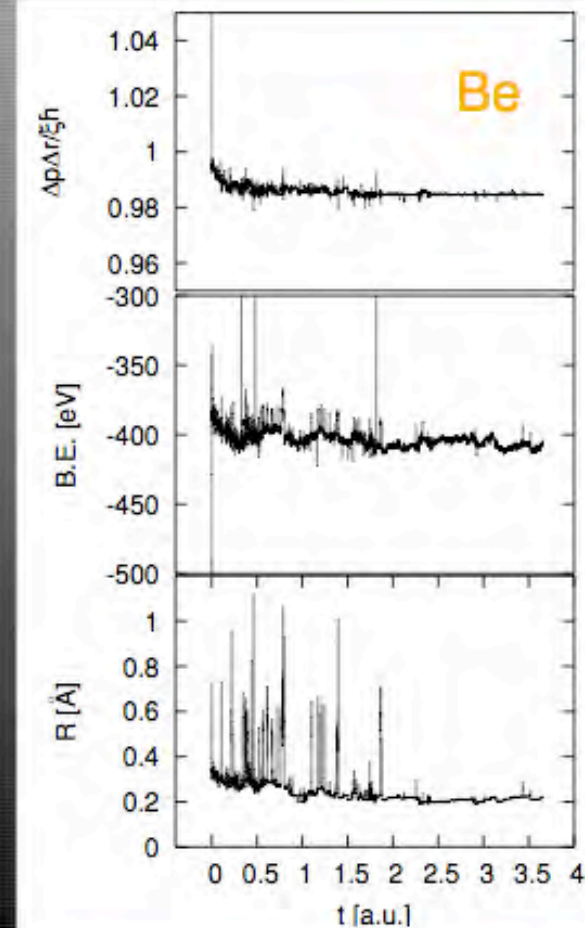
**Constraint** changes

Phase Space Occupation

$$f(r,p,t) \leq 1$$

Binding energies of Atoms(in eV)

	CoMD	exper.
H	-13.56	-13.61
He	-77.70	-78.88
Li	-203.78	-203.43
Be	-404.91	-399.03
F	-2644.4	-2713.45



## Tunneling process

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} U(\mathbf{r}_i)$$

## Collective coordinates and momenta

$$\mathbf{R}^{\text{coll}} \equiv \mathbf{r}_P - \mathbf{r}_T; \quad \mathbf{P}^{\text{coll}} \equiv \mathbf{p}_P - \mathbf{p}_T; \quad \mathbf{F}_P^{\text{coll}} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{P}}^{\text{coll}}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_{T(P)}^{\mathfrak{S}}}{d\tau} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{T(P)}^{\mathfrak{S}}}{m_{T(P)}}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}_{T(P)}^{\mathfrak{S}}}{d\tau} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} U(\mathbf{r}_{T(P)}^{\mathfrak{S}}) - 2\mathbf{F}_{T(P)}^{\text{coll}}$$

**Tunneling penetrability:**  $\Pi(E) = (1 + \exp(2\mathcal{A}(E)/\hbar))^{-1}$

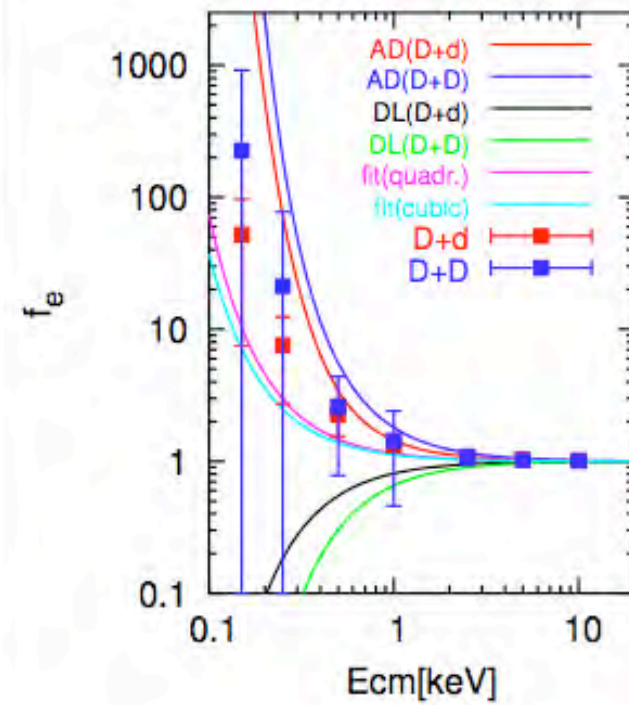
$$\mathcal{A}(E) = \int_{r_b}^{r_a} \mathbf{P}^{\text{coll}} d\mathbf{R}^{\text{coll}}$$

without electron  $\Rightarrow \Pi_0(E)$

**Enhancement factor:**  $f_e = \Pi(E)/\Pi_0(E)$

## Dissipative Limit

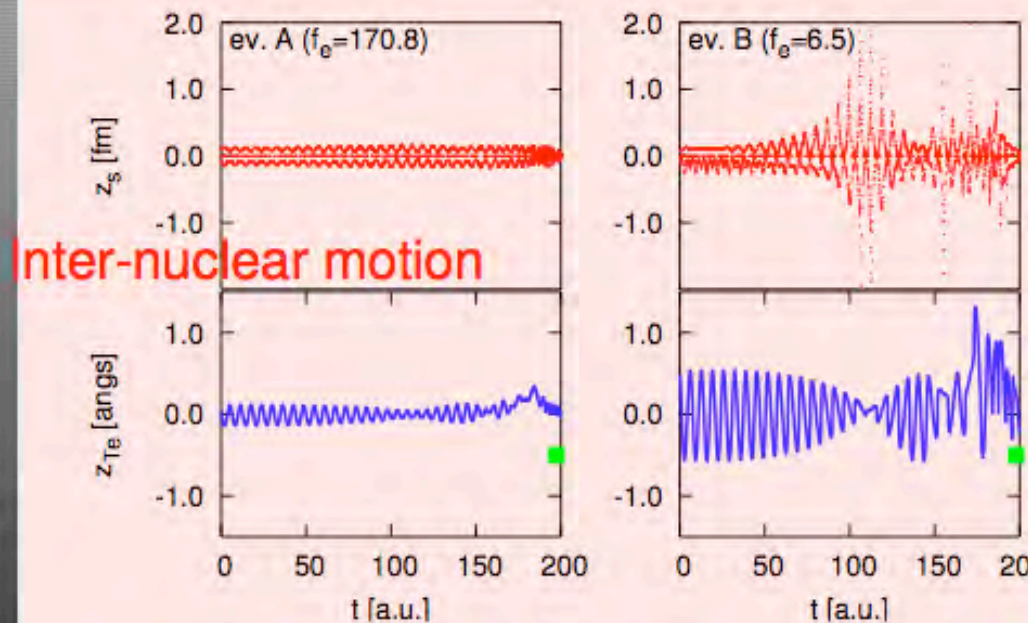
### Bound electron emission





## Electronic Motion

S.Kimura, and A.Bonasera  
Phys.Rev.Lett.93,  
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Inter-nuclear motion

Oscillational motion of  
Electron around the target

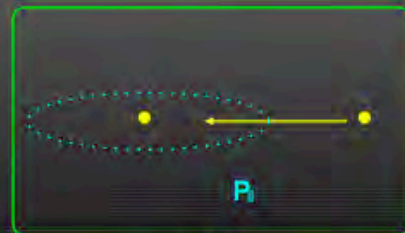
Sensitive Initial Phase

Space Configuration Dependence  $\Rightarrow$  Chaos

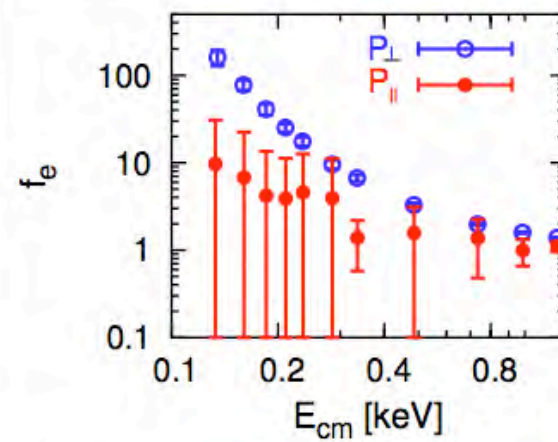


## Polarized Target

Enhancement factor with  
Polarized target



D+d



# Muon Catalyzed Fusion



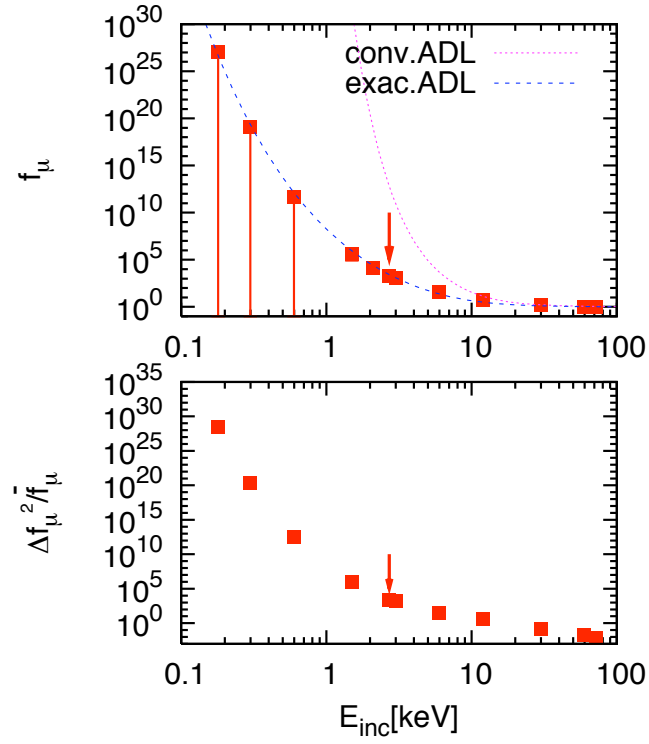


FIG. 1: Enhancement factor by the bound muon (top panel) and  $\Delta f_\mu^2 / \bar{f}_\mu$  (bottom panel) as functions of the incident center-of-mass energy. The arrows in the figure indicate the point where total energy is zero.

## Simulate fusion in plasmas: Mean free path approach.

At each time step we search the closest particle  $l$  to each ion  $k$  and calculate the local density  $\rho$  and the relative velocity  $v_{kl}$ , from this we obtain the fusion cross section (parametrized from data)  $\sigma$ .

Define the local mean free path for particles  $k$  and  $l$  at time  $t$ :

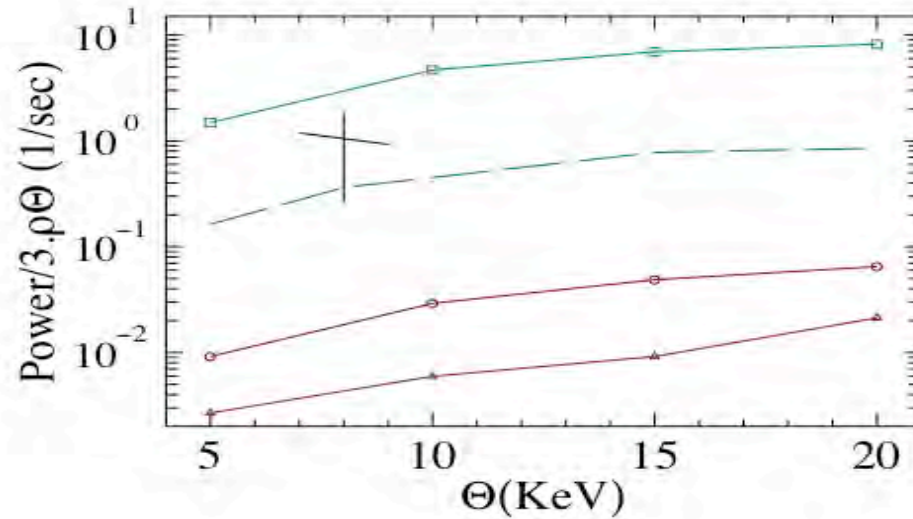
$$\Lambda = \frac{v_{kl} dt}{\lambda} = \rho \sigma(r_k) v_{kl} dt$$

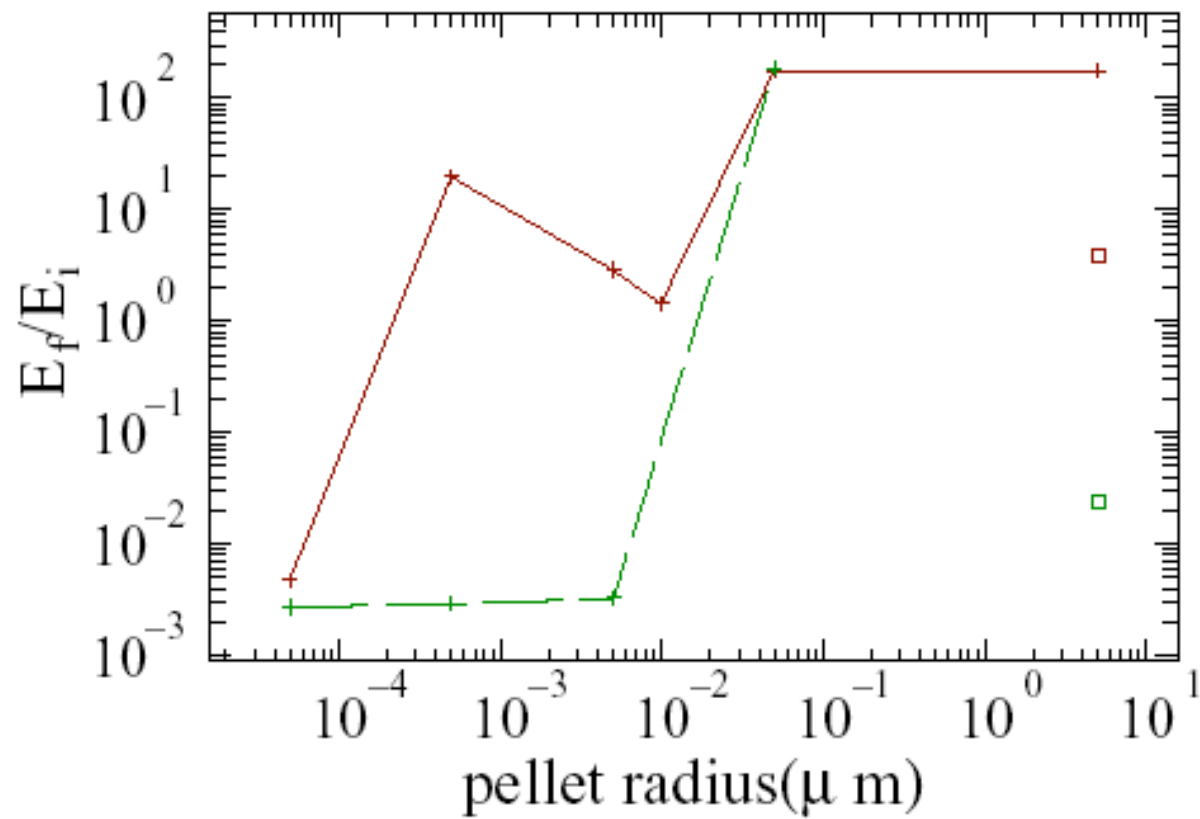
*In a Montecarlo way it is decided if the two ions fuse and the reaction is performed according to the  $Q$ -value.*

A.Bonasera, fusion03, Progr.Theo.Phys.Suppl.**154**,261(2004)

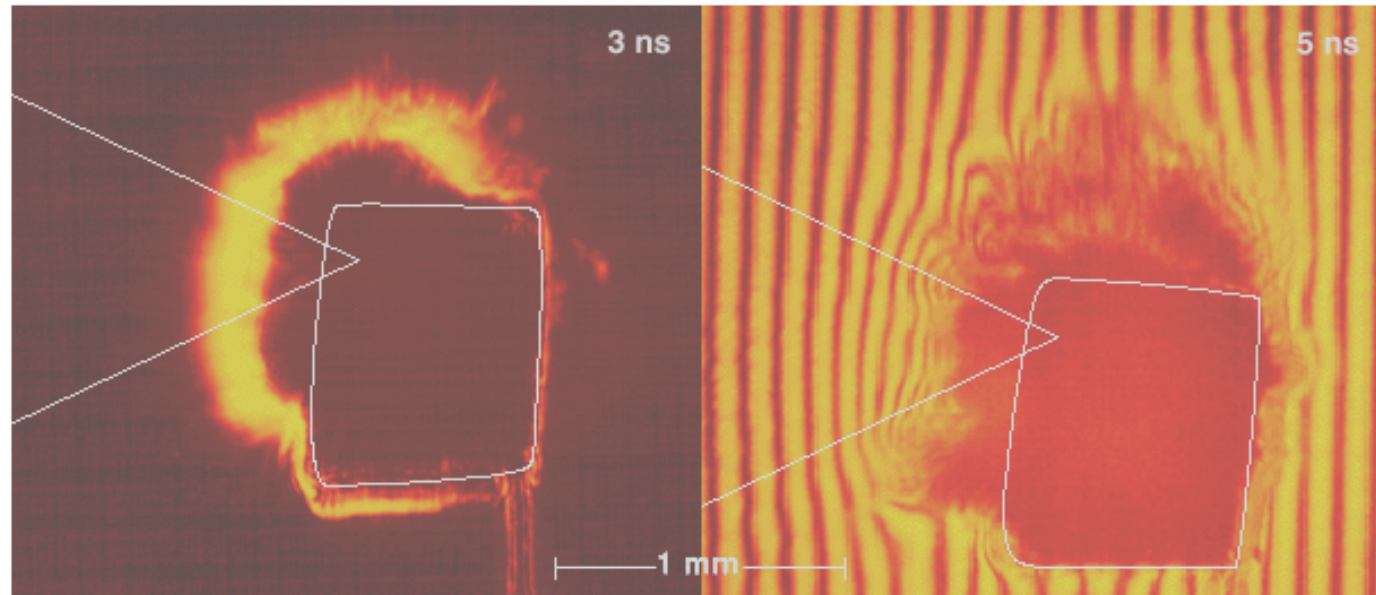
## Tokamak case: JET & ITER

D+T (squares), D(circles) and D+Li (triangles) at  $9.8 \cdot 10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}$  density. D+T (dashed line) and JET result (cross) at  $10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}$  density.





- D+T  $E_i=50, 5 \text{ KeV}$
- D  $E_i=50, 5 \text{ KeV}$



Experiments on low density foams. The dashed lines represent the irradiation cone and the initial target position.



ABC LASER facility, Frascati Rome

100 J 3 ns

(A.Caruso and C.Strangio)



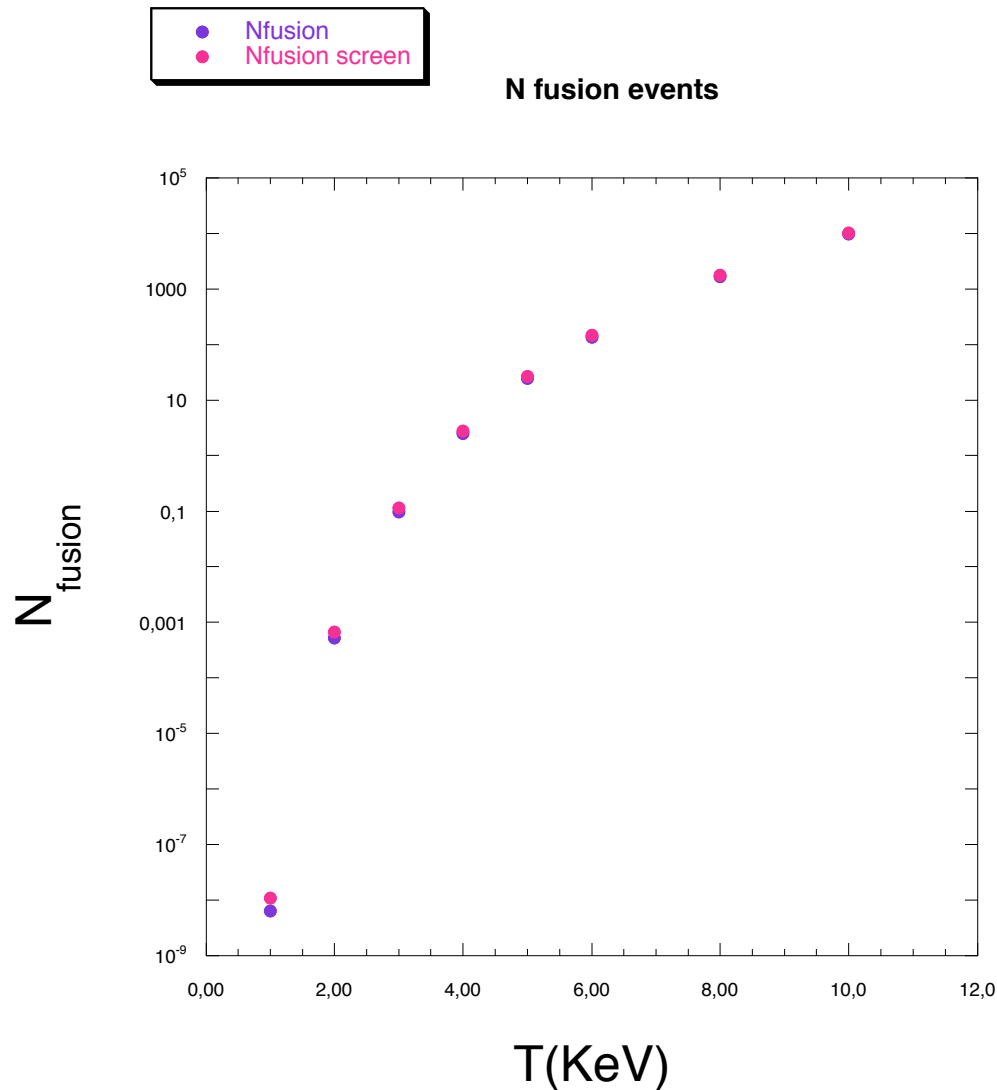
$$N = \iint dV dt n_1 n_2 \langle \sigma_{12} v \rangle, \quad (6)$$

$$n = 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$t = 3 \text{ ns}$$

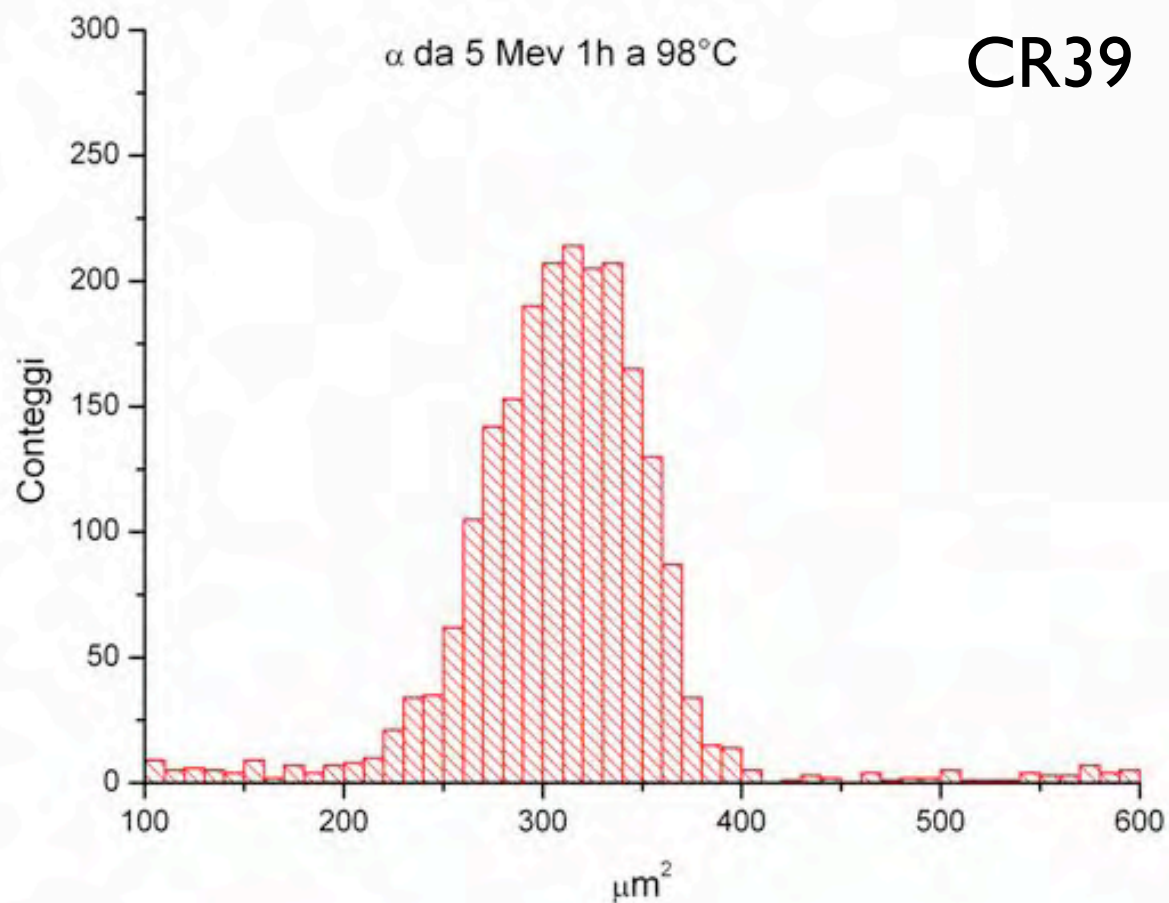
$$V = 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3$$

**Fig.3** Numero di fusioni aspettato utilizzando la compilazione Nacre + potenziale di schermatura  $U_e = 430 \text{ eV}$ . Il plasma è descritto come una Maxwelliana a temperatura  $T$ .



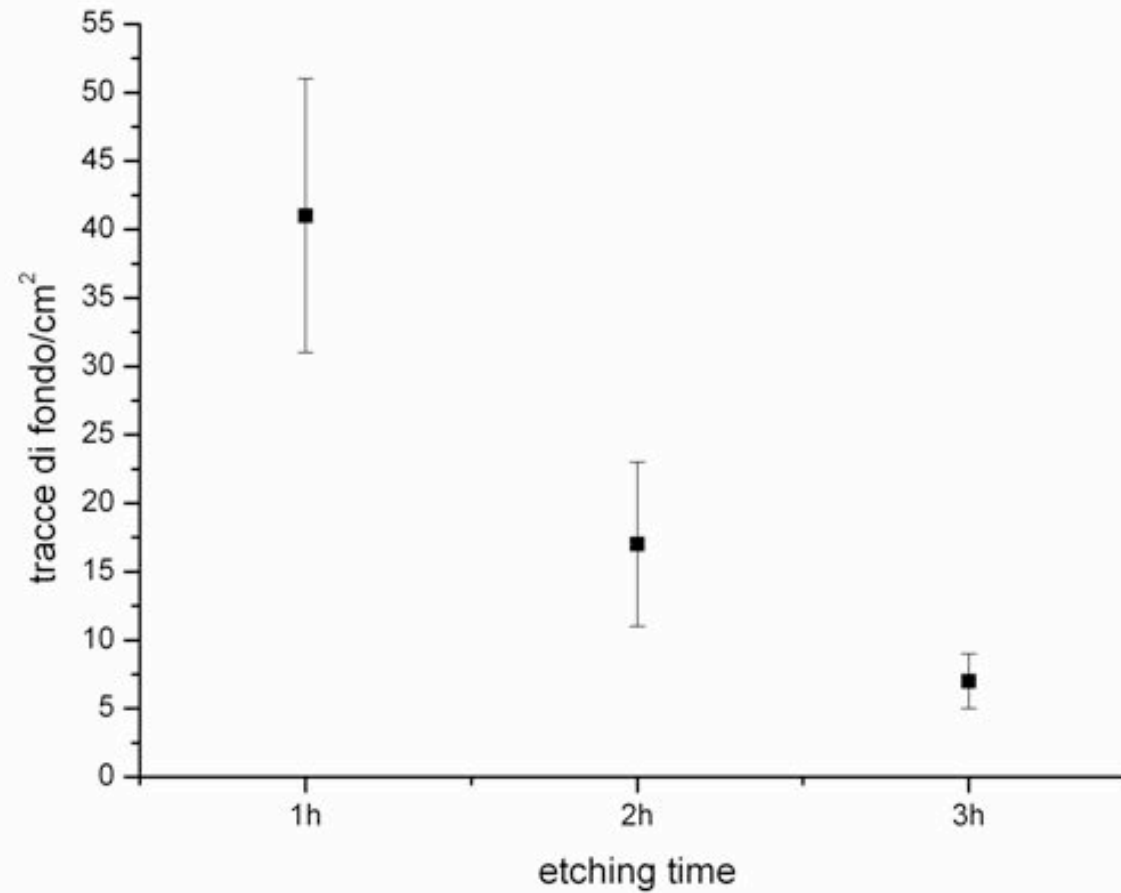
In particolare a 5KeV abbiamo 24 (26 con lo screening ) eventi di fusione per sparo e 0.097 (0.1134) a 3KeV.  
Queste sono temperature accessibili utilizzando il laser ABC.

# Caratterizzazione degli eventi nucleari

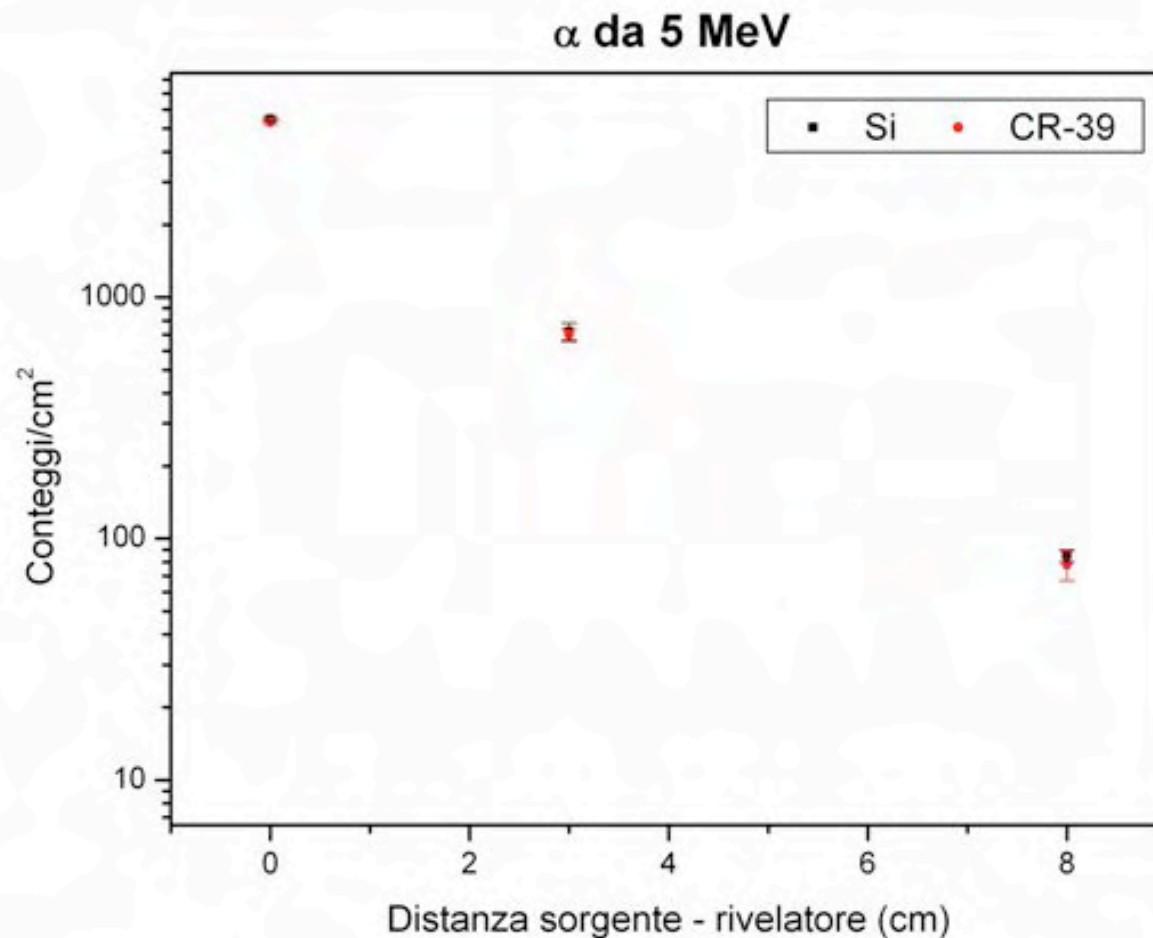


Numero di alfa da sorgente di Am ottenute dopo trattamento chimico.

# Background tracks

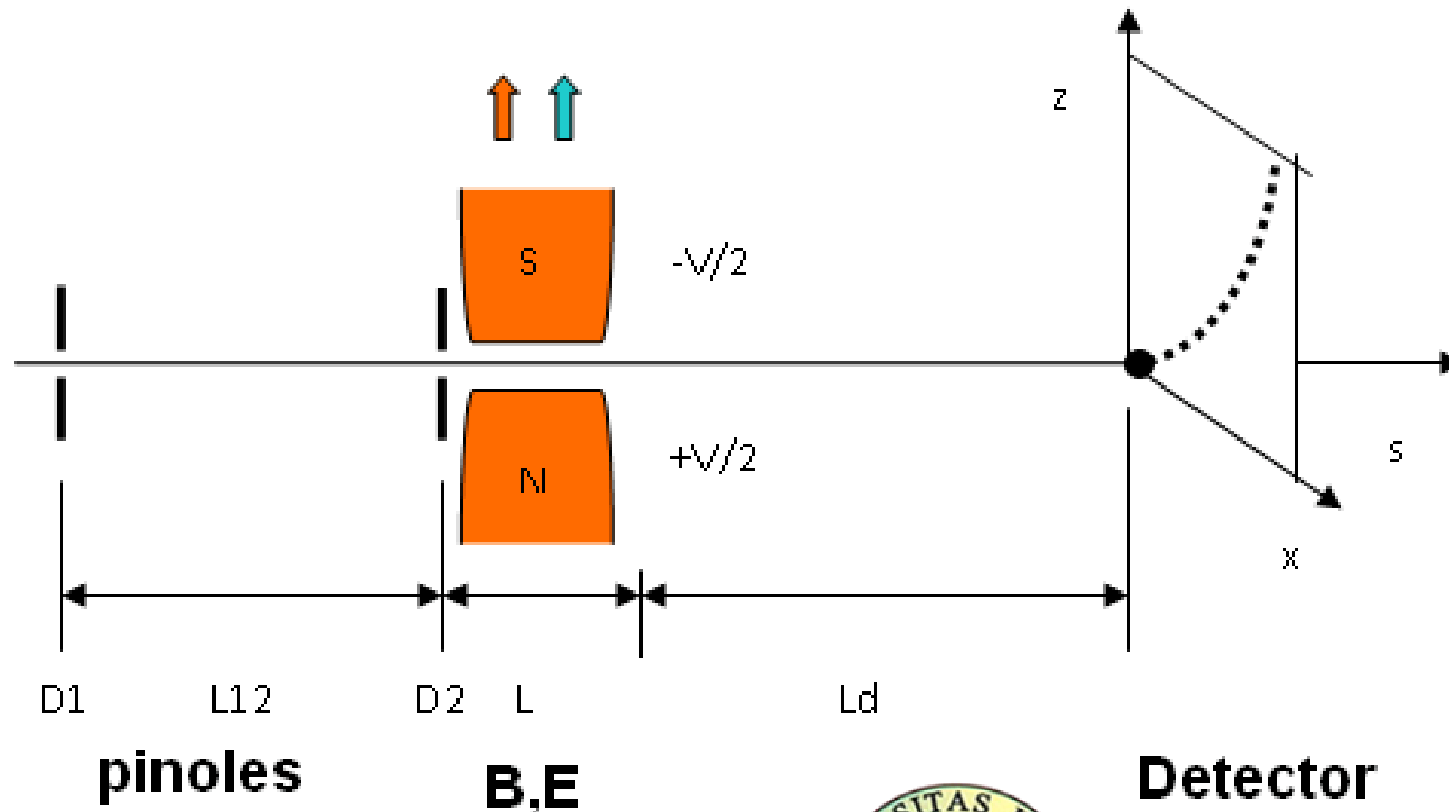


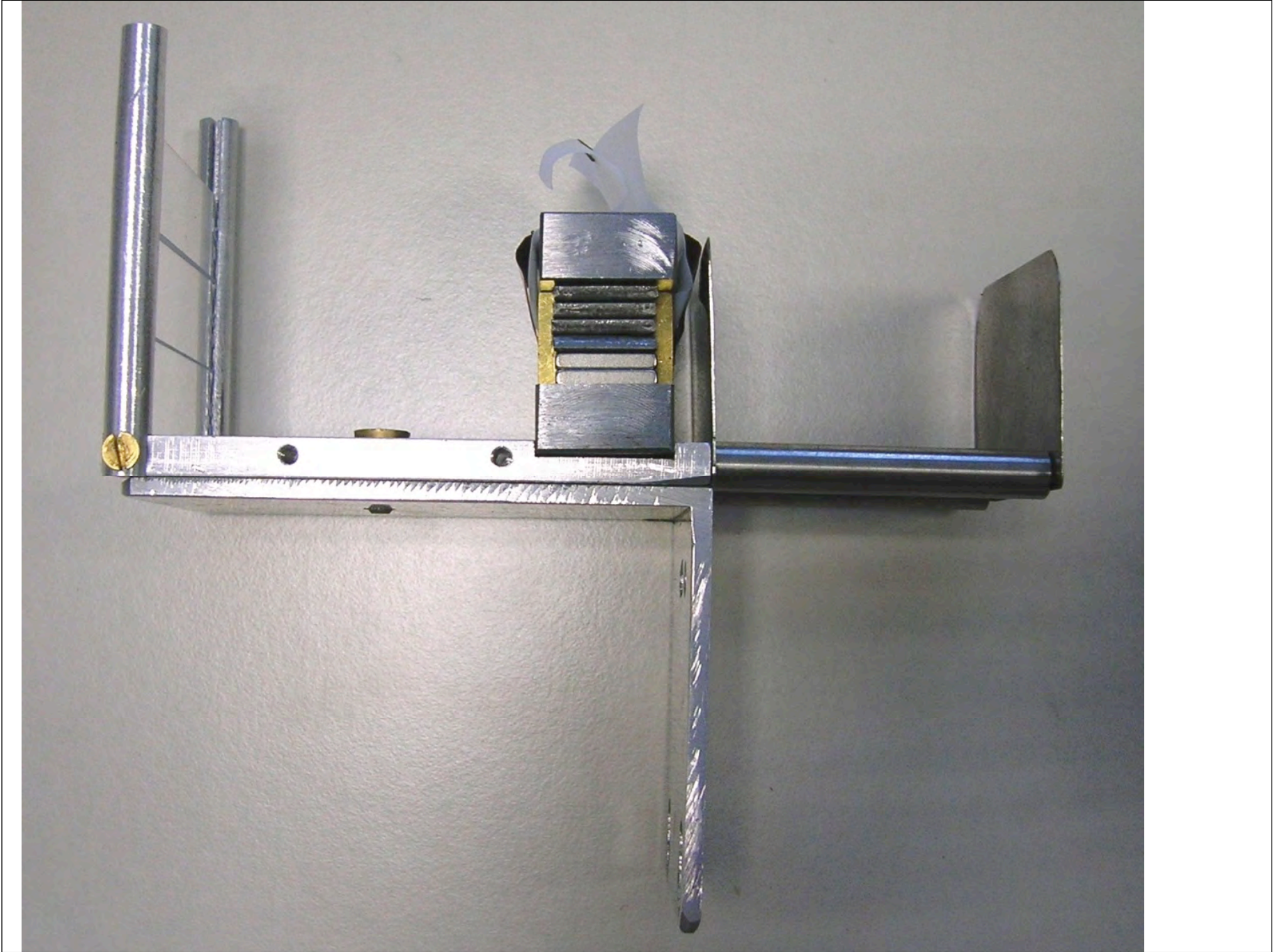
# Confronto conteggi rivelatore al Si e Cr39



# Progettazione parabola di Thomson

D.Leanza, master thesis, telecommunications eng., Kore University









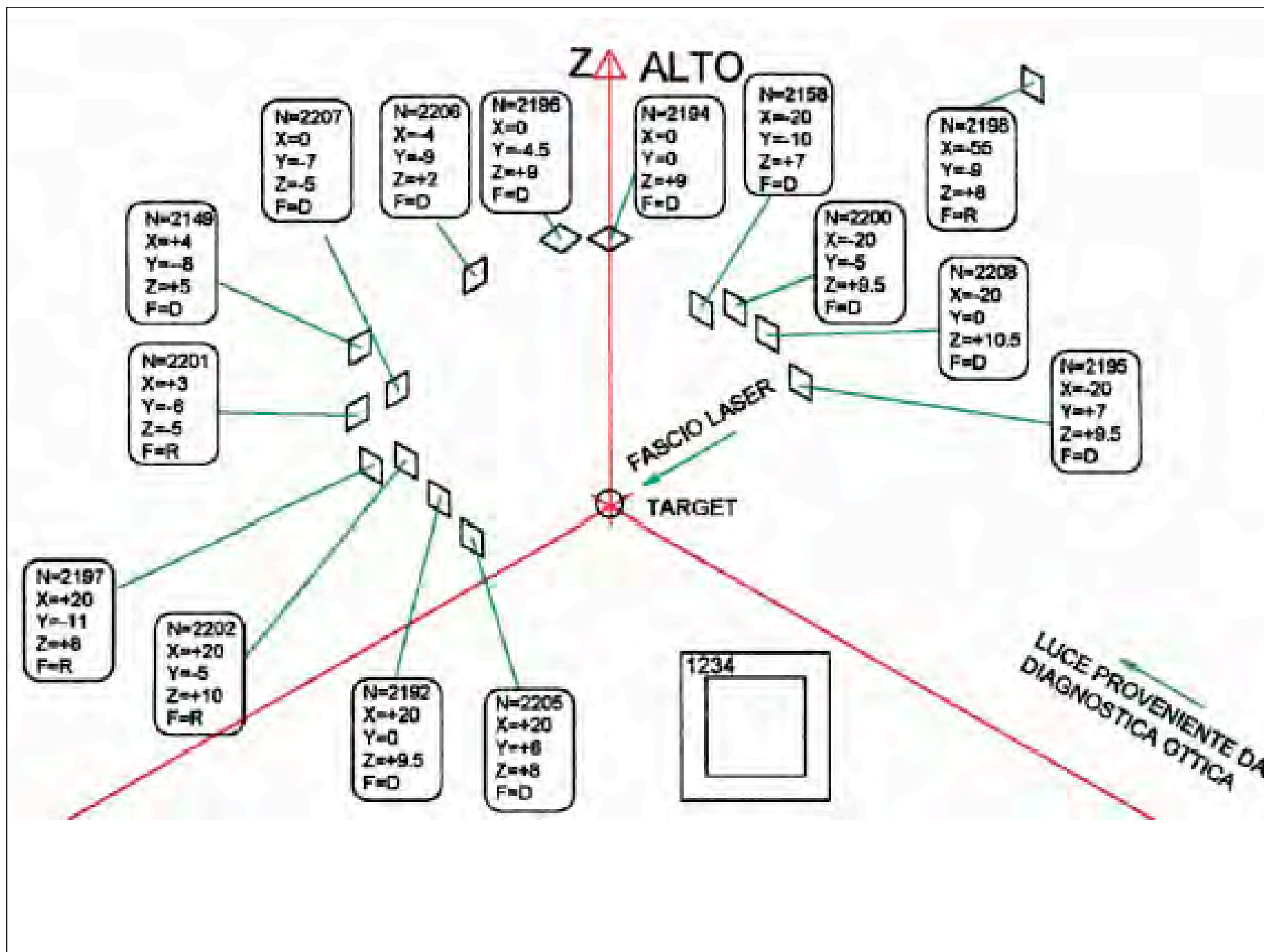
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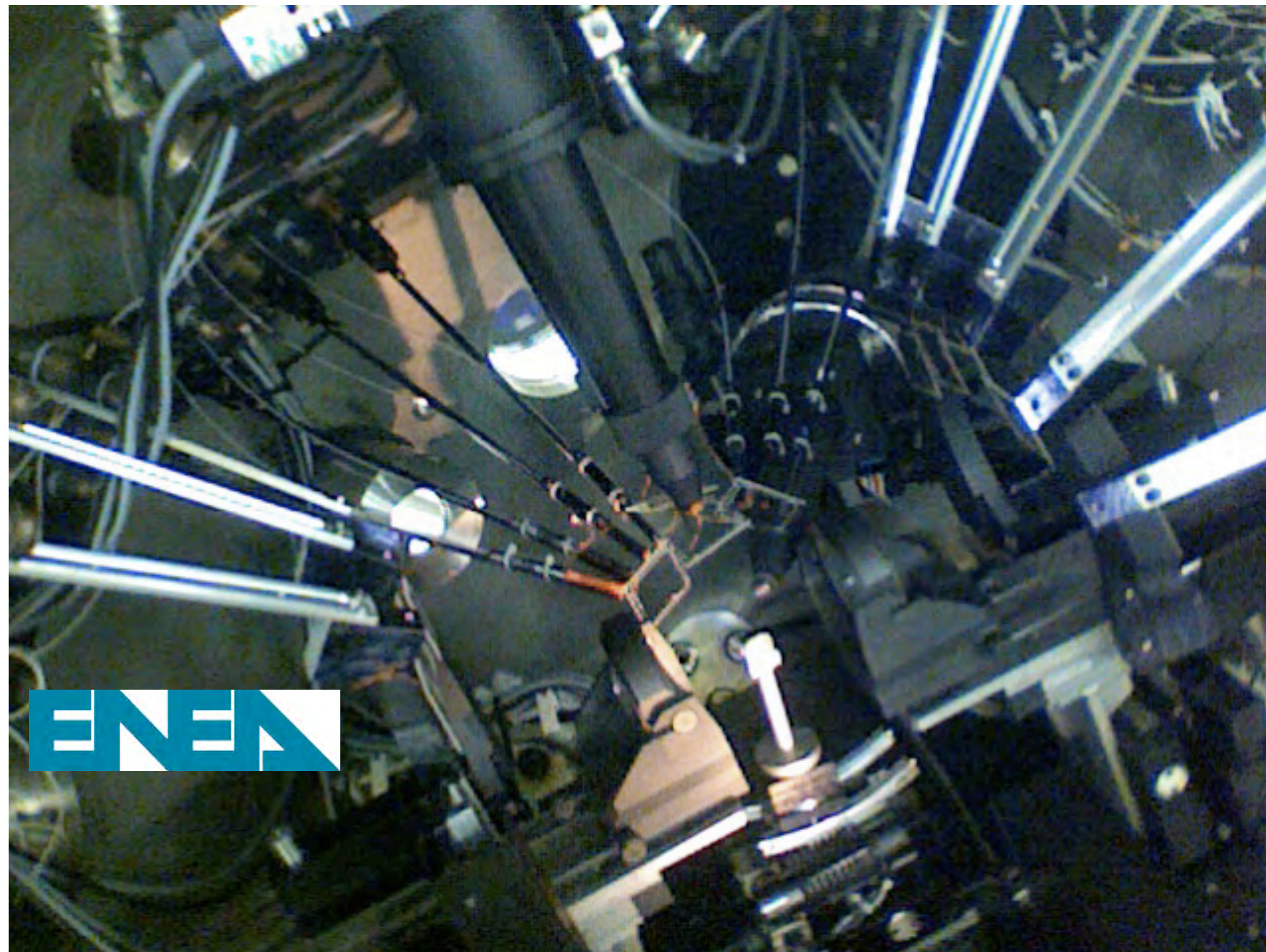
233.0um



Wb50 X= 814.0um Y= 586.0um D= 1003um

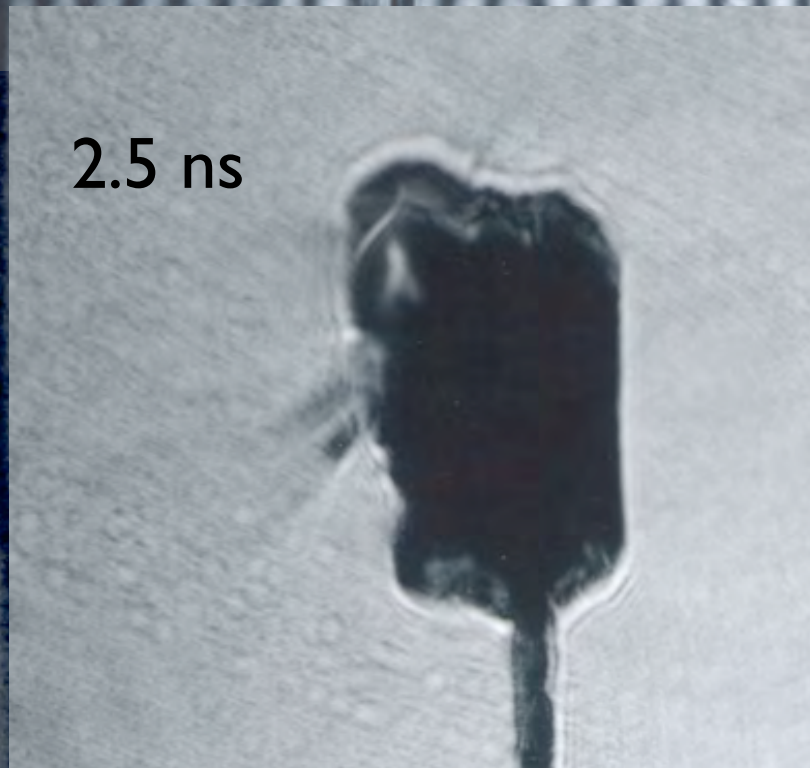
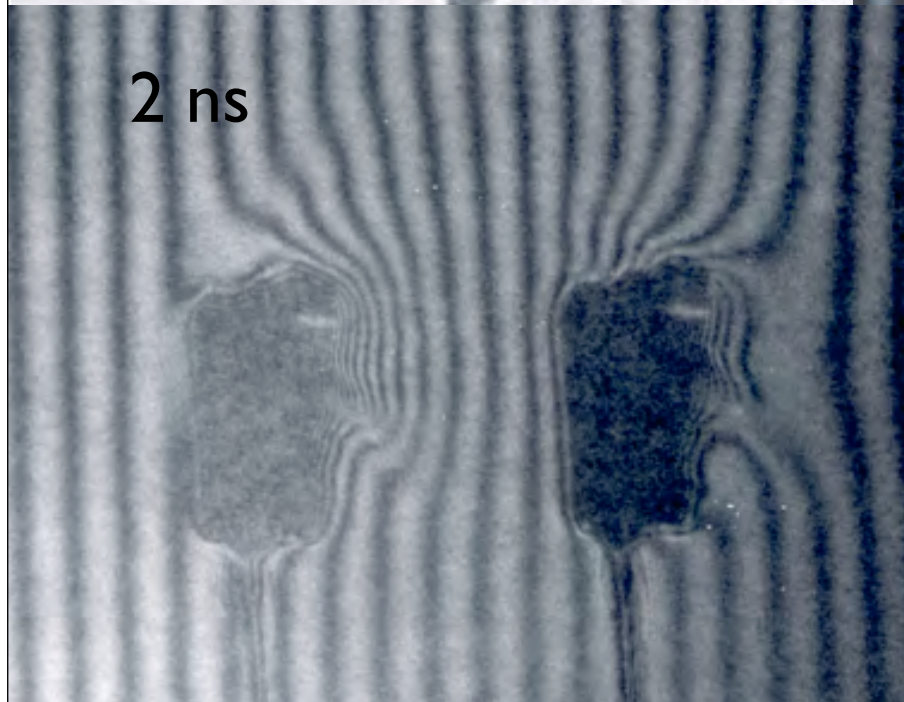
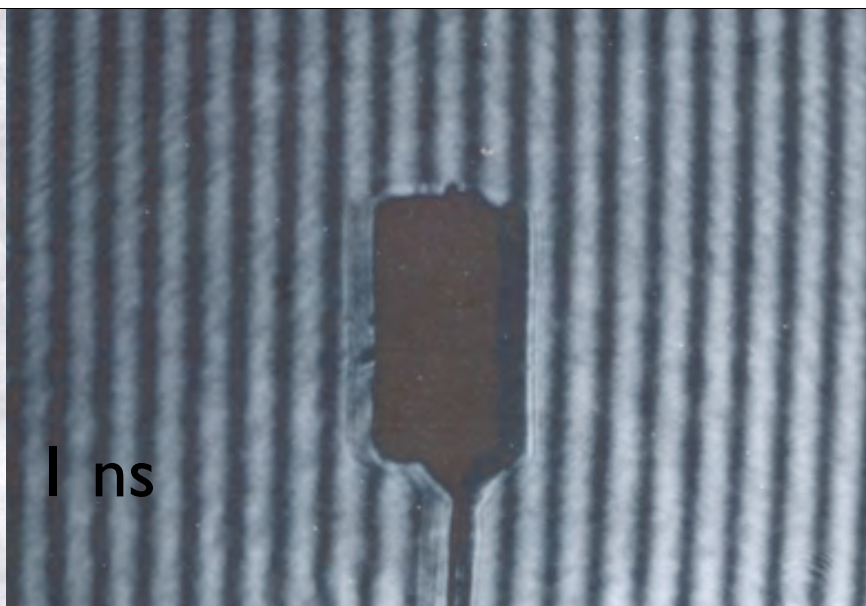
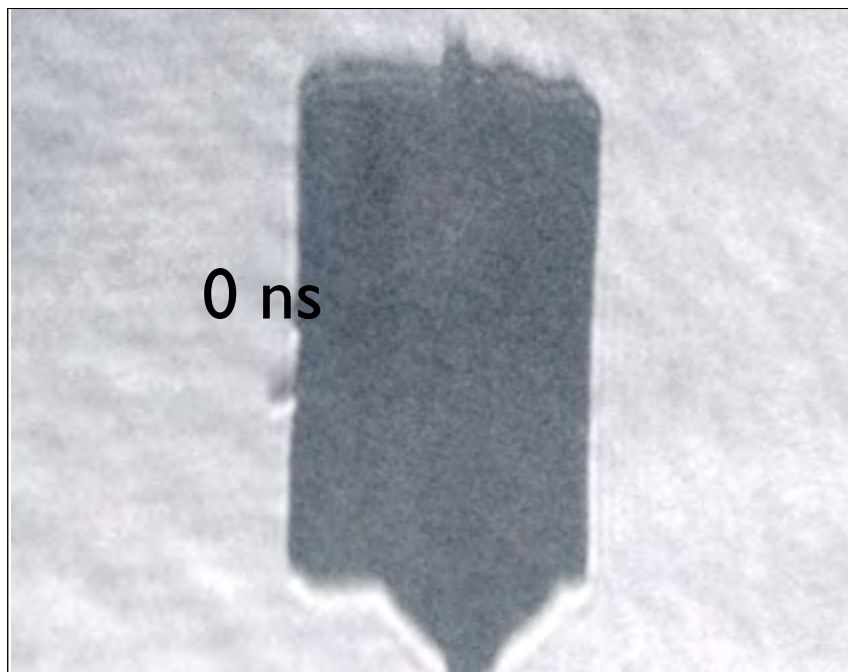


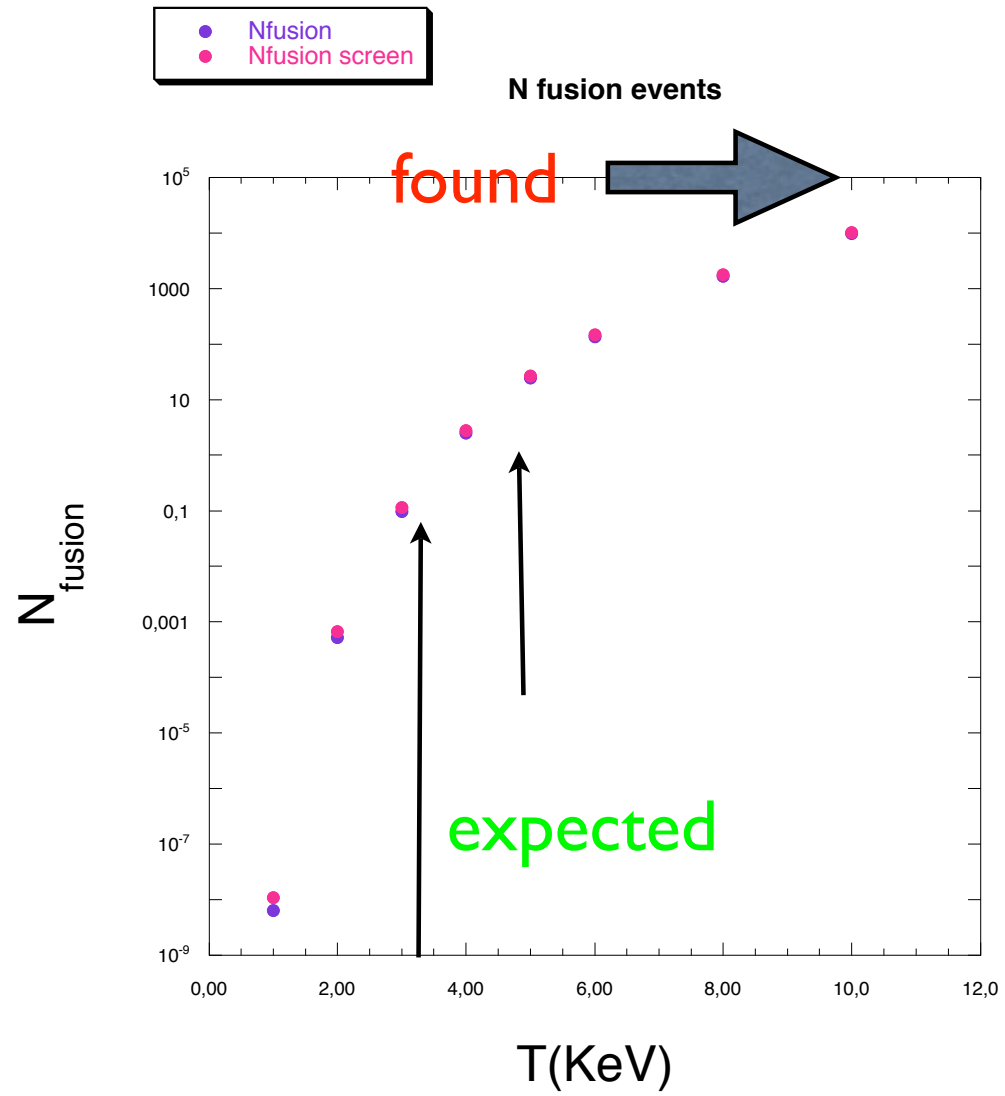




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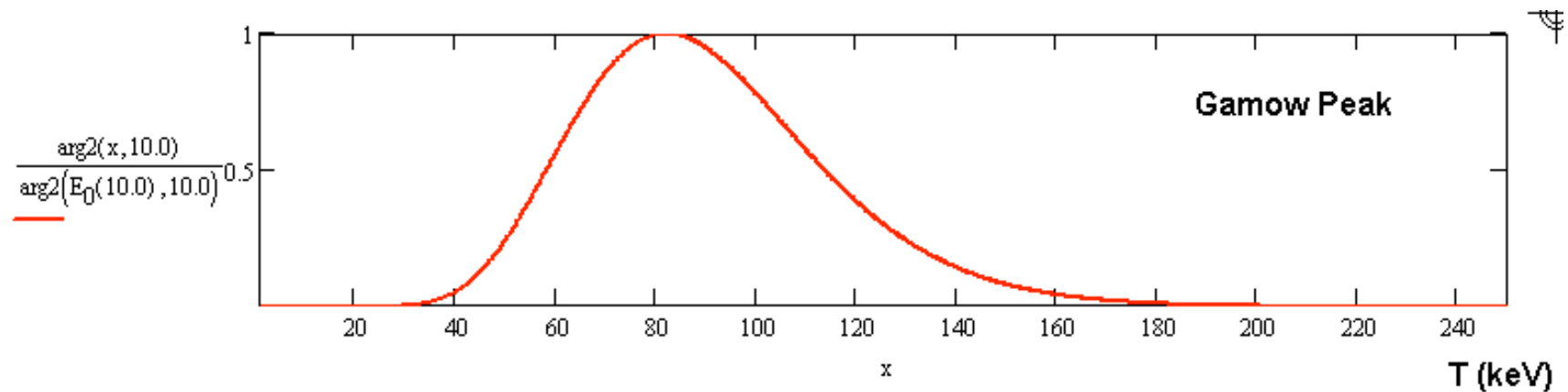






# Expected rates for an equilibrium system (for 1ns) **AT NIF**

T (kev)	E_gamow (keV)	Rate (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol s)	alphas/cm <sup>2</sup> at 4 m
2.5	33	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.04
5.0	52	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-1}$	87
10	82	$2.1 \cdot 10^2$	33,000



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## A few details

Can do shots with  $^{10}\text{B}$  and  $^{11}\text{B}$  separately.  
Carborane [ $\text{C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ] can be readily obtained  
with either isotope with 99.9% purity.  $\rho = 0.95$   
 $\text{g/cm}^3$ , white powder.

The energy analysis might prove interesting as  
the 16.11 state decays through  $^8\text{Be}^*(2.9)$  while  
the 16.58 state decays through  $^8\text{Be}^*(2.9)$  and  
 $^8\text{Be}^{\text{gd}}$



## CONCLUSIONS



- Proposed experiments to measure S-factor in plasmas for  $p+B$  (but can be extended to other systems)
- Preliminary test at ABC laser facility very encouraging (low densities plasmas  $T=5-10$  KeV): LAPLAFUS expt.
- Propose similar experiments but for compressed systems at NIF (Jupiter to begin). Expect similar  $T$  and hope for some 'surprises' as in LAPLAFUS.
- Are there screening effects in hot and dense plasmas?
- Can we use the electrons 'chaotic' motion to our advantage?

